

Withernsea,

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TO THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
of
WITHERNSEA.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S EIGHTH
ANNUAL REPORT.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year ended 31: December, 1906, with Tables of Vital Statistics and Infectious Diseases.

The Population of the District, estimated to the middle of the year, I take at 2600.

There were 33 Births registered during the year, of which 3 were illegitimate, the Birth rate being 12.6 per 1000.

There were altogether 29 deaths registered. Of these 2 are to be deducted as being of non-residents occurring in a Public Institution in the District (the Convalescent Home). The net number is therefore 27 and the official Death rate 10.3 per 1000.

From the accompanying Table I. it will be seen that this is the lowest Death rate since the constitution of the District in October 1898; and that the average for the previous years is 16.4 per 1000.

As I have pointed out in my former Reports, in estimating the Official Death rate, according to the tables prepared by the Local Government Board, deaths of non-residents can only be deducted when they occur in public institutions.

Of the 27 Deaths at least 3 were of non-residents who came into the District only on account of the diseases from which they died. Could these 3 be deducted the rate would be 9.2 per 1000.

Five persons died under the age of one year, making the high rate of 151 per 1000 Births registered, or one in every 6.6 Births. Of these five however, Two (Twins) died owing to premature birth and Two (Twins also) died of congenital weakness, all four being within the age of one week and unavoidable. (See Table V).

One person	died between	1 and	5 years
Two persons	"	"	5 and 15 "
Two	"	"	15 and 25 "
Seven	"	"	25 and 65 "
Ten	"	"	above 65

Of the ten above 65 one was over 85, three over 75, and one over 70.

Heart Disease	accounted for	7 deaths
Consumption	"	3 "
Other Tubercular Diseases	"	2 "

There were no deaths from Infectious diseases other than those from Consumption.

Eleven Cases of Infectious Disease were notified:-

Measles	4
Diphtheria	3
Erysipelas	2
Enteric Fever	1
Scarlet Fever	1

The case of Enteric Fever occurred at 39, Queen Street, South, in September, and I am glad to be able to state that it, almost certainly, was not contracted at Withernsea, seeing that the symptoms appeared before the patient (a visitor) had been 24 hours in the District.

In this case the excreta were carefully and thoroughly disinfected and every precaution taken.

Of the cases of Diphtheria one occurred at Walter Street in April and was successfully isolated at home and the house afterwards thoroughly disinfected. The drains in connection with this house were unsatisfactory, and have since been taken up and relaid throughout.

The two remaining cases of Diphtheria were reported at Leo Terrace on July 17th and were on the next day removed to the Hull Sanatorium (they being visitors from Hull) and the House was disinfected by the Hull Sanitary Authority's servants at the time of removal and all infected bedding &c. taken to Hull by them and disinfected. On investigation no sufficient explanation could be found for these cases. The drains were in good order. The yard gully was very dirty but was in constant use and otherwise in good order.

The case of Scarlet Fever occurred in April at Avondale Villas. It was successfully isolated at home and the infected rooms were fumigated, stripped and repapered.

It is satisfactory to note that on only one occasion (1903) has there been a smaller number of cases of infectious disease notified, and I venture to think that this, together with the lowest Death rate on record, must be a source of congratulation to your Council.

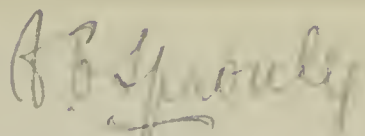
It being impossible to obtain powers to make the notification of Consumption (Pulmonary Tuberculosis) compulsory under

During the summer months many complaints were made about the inefficient way in which the Contractors for the Night Soil Collection did their work. It is to be hoped that the steps taken by your Council to remedy this will be effectual and that any neglect on the part of the Contractors will in the future be met with the imposition of the full penalty.

My report on the administration of the Factory & Workshop Act of 1901 I give on a special form attached.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. B. Spradley".

Medical Officer of Health.

